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1. SECOND GVN ELECTION BRIEFING TOOK PLACE AT DIEN HONG HALL, 2000 SEPTEMBER 11 PRESIDED OVER BY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER NGUYEN VAN TUONG. IN INTRODUCTORY REMARKS UNDER SECSTATE FOR INFORMATION, HAI VAN BRK, STATED THAT VC HAVE FAILED IN ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE ELECTION WHICH, FOR MOST PART CARRIED OUT IN FREEDOM AND SECURITY. FOREIGN

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OBSERVERS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING ELECTION RESULTS OF WHICH ARE EXPRESSION OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S DETERMINATION DEFEAT COMMUNISM AND BUILD DEMOCRACY. DAI ADDED THAT REPORTS AVAILABLE AS OF 3 P.M. SHOWED THAT SEVENTY-ONE PERCENT OF REGISTERED VOTERS, OR APPROXIMATELY 3,700,000 PERSONS, HAD CAST THEIR BALLOTS. HE URGED PRESS TO REPORT THESE RESULTS TO THE WORLD AND THANKED THEM FOR PARTICIPATING "IN THIS ENTHUSIASTIC ATMOSHPERE".

2. DETAILED BRIEFING BY MINISTRY INFORMATION & PSYWAR REPRESENTATIVE, MAJOR ANH, FOLLOWED. ANH SAID THAT FROM 6 A.M. TO 3 P.M. SEPTEMBER 11 THERE HAD BEEN 42 VC INITIATED HARASSMENTS AND TERRORIST ACTS, MOST OF THEM DESIGNED TO DISRUPT ELECTION. DESPITE THIS ACTIVITY AND POOR WEATHER IN SOME PARTS OF COUNTRY, VOTER TURNOUT HAD BEEN GOOD.

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ANH THEN GAVE PROVINCE BY PROVINCE TURNOUT STATISTICS AS OF 3 P.M. (FIGURES SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THOSE REPORTED REFTEL). HE THEN GAVE FINAL TURNOUT FIGURES FOR SAIGON/GIA DINH. HE CONCLUDED BRIEFING BY STATING THAT FINAL ELECTION REPORT WILL BE MADE BY RD MINISTER THANG AT 1700 SEPTEMBER

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3. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WHICH FOLLOWED SECSTATE FOR INFORMATION DAI MADE FOLLOWING REMARKS:

A. 71 PERCENT TURNOUT FIGURE IS AS OF 3 P.M. FOR ALL CONSTITUENCIES INCLUDING SAIGON/GIA DINH. LATER RETURNS FROM SAIGON/GIA DINH NOT YET INCLUDED IN ESTIMATE OF OVERALL TURNOUT. (NO OFFICIAL ESTIMATE AVAILABLE FOR FINAL TURNOUT BUT GENERALLY PRESUMED IT MAY REACH 80 PERCENT)

B. TURNOUT FIGURES BASED ON PERCENTAGES OF REGISTERED VOTERS (E.G. FIGURES NOT INFLATED BY COMPARING NUMBER OF VOTERS WITH ONLY THOSE PHYSICALLY IN POSSESSION ELECTION CARDS AT TIME OF VOTING).

C. FROM 6 P.M. SEPTEMBER 10 TO 6 P.M. SEPTEMBER 11, THERE WERE 19 PERSONS KILLED AND 120 WOUNDED (CIVILIAN AND MILITARY) ON GVN SIDE IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTION ACTIVITIES. VC LOST 18 KILLED, 3 WOUNDED, AND 15 CAPTURED. GVN EXPECTED LOSSES TO BE HIGHER AND ATTRIBUTES LOW FIGURE TO EFFECTIVE SECURITY MEASURES.

ID. NO INFORMATION YSH AVAILABLE ON ELECTION IRREGULARITIES. SINCE THERE HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT TIME TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS.
E. OTHER GROUPS BESIDES VC TRIED TO OBSTRUCT ELECTIONS BUT RESULTS, INCLUDING ENCOURAGING RETURNS FROM HUE, SHOW THAT SUCH EFFORTS AT DISRUPTION MET WITH LITTLE SUCCESS.

F. NUMBER OF PERSONS IN SECURE AREAS WITHOUT VOTER CARDS AND HENCE UNABLE TO VOTE VERY SMALL. THIS CATEGORY MOSTLY PERSONS WHO CHANGED RESIDENCE OR CAME IN FROM VIET CONG CONTROLLED AREA AFTER JULY 8.
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P AT 4 P.M. SAIGON TIME SUNDAY, THE FOLLOWING IS WHAT
NSC CAN BE SAID ABOUT THE VIETNAMESE ELECTIONS (SUBJECT
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1. THE VIET CONG DID ITS UTMOST, USING HAND GRENADES, AMBUSHES, STRIKES, BROADCASTS, PRINTED MATTER, AND EVERY KNOWN FORM OF INTIMIDATION. TERRORISM REACHED A HIGH TIDE. AND IT DIDN'T WORK.

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2. THIS ELECTION SHOULD END ONCE AND FOR ALL THE NOTION WHICH SEEMS TO BE HELD IN A FEW PLACES THAT THE VIET CONG IS A SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS GROUP OF LIBERALS ON THE MODEL OF WESTERN SOCIALISM. THIS IS A WESTERN IDEA WHICH THE VIET CONG DURING MY TIME HERE HAS DONE NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TO PROMOTE. AT NO TIME HAS ANY ENTHUSIASM BEEN ASKED OR GIVEN FOR ANY VIET CONG PROGRAM. THE VIET CONG EMERGES CLEARLY FROM THIS ELECTION AS AN ORGANIZED GROUP OF TERRORISTS WHO, UNDER WESTERN LAW, SHOULD BE CALLED "CRIMINALS" SINCE ALL OF THEIR METHODS ARE FORBIDDEN BY THE RULES OF LAND WARFARE AND ARE CRIMES UNDER WESTERN LAW. I REFER TO ASSASSINATION, TORTURE, KIDNAPPING, ETC. WITHOUT THESE CRUDE METHODS THERE WOULD BE NO VIET CONG. WITHOUT THE VIET CONG THERE WOULD BE NO RECRUITS. AND WITHOUT THE RECRUITS THERE WOULD BE NO WAR. IN THIS ELECTION NO PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE VIET CONG WAS APPARENT. HAD THERE BEEN ANY VOTES IN IT, CANDIDATES WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE INGRATIATING STATEMENTS.

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3. FOR THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO HAVE VOTED IN SUCH LARGE NUMBERS IN THE FACE OF TERRORISM, SHOWS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DEFY THE VIET CONG IN ORDER TO TAKE A STEP WHICH THEY BELIEVE IS A STEP FORWARD FOR THEIR

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COUNTRY. WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THE STRONG CHINESE AND CONFUCIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE HERE AND THE LOW PLACE TRADITIONALLY GIVEN TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, THIS IS A PROFOUNDLY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE WAY PEOPLE THINK.

4. I HAVE ASKED MANY VIETNAMESE IN DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE WHY THE VIETNAMESE WANT TO MOVE TOWARDS A DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION AND THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS ALWAYS EMERGE:

A. A CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY IS A PROTECTION AGAINST DESPOTISM, TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED IN THE DAYS OF BROTHER NHU AND OF THE FRENCH. IT IS A VIVID--AND HATED--MEMORY.

B. FOR A VIETNAMESE TO MOVE TOWARDS A CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY IS A STEP TOWARDS PROGRESS AND A STEP AWAY FROM COUPS. THEY HAVE LOOKED AROUND THEM AND HAVE SEEN KOREA AND JAPAN AND BELIEVE THIS IS THE WAY TO GO.

C. ELECTIONS ARE A WAY TO GET RID OF CORRUPTION. IF YOU HAVE TWO POLITICIANS RUNNING AGAINST EACH OTHER, THEY WILL WATCH EACH OTHER; AND IF ONE DOES SOMETHING CORRUPT, THE OTHER WILL TALK ABOUT IT. (NOTE: FOR PUBLICATION, INSTEAD OF SAYING CORRUPTION, I WOULD SAY THEY BELIEVE ELECTIONS WOULD LEAD TO MORE HONESTY IN THE GOVERNMENT. END NOTE)

5. THE ABOVE IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE COME OUT IN THE PRESS, AND I THINK MUCH OF IT WILL BECAUSE IT IS PRETTY MUCH OF A STORY THAT WRITES ITSELF. I HAVE DECIDED NOT TO HAVE A PERSONAL BACKGROUND SESSION WITH THE PRESS TO PUT OUT THE ABOVE BECAUSE I FEAR IT WOULD BE CRITICIZED AS A CRUDE ATTEMPT BY THE U.S. TO CAPITALIZE. I HAVE, OF COURSE, FED IT OUT TO INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD TAKE IT IN THE RIGHT SPIRIT.
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1. FIGURES OBTAINED THIS MORNING FROM SPECIAL COMMISSARIAT FOR ADMINISTRATION SHOW THAT 4,274,812 RPT 4,274,812 OF 5,288,512 RPT 5288,512 PERSONS REGISTERED VOTED IN CA ELECTIONS YESTERDAY. THIS AMOUNTS TO NATION-WIDE PERCENTAGE OF 80.8 RPT 80.8. (TOTAL NUMBER OF INVALID BALLOTS NOT YET KNOWN BUT IS NOT LARGE EVEN IN AREAS OF GREATEST BUDDHIST STRENGTH. FOR EXAMPLE, INVALID BALLOTS WERE 11 PERCENT IN HUE, 9.6 PERCENT IN DANANG, LESS THAN 2 PERCENT IN QUANG TRI, 5 PERCENT IN KHANH HOA, LESS THAN 2 PERCENT IN BINH DINH.)

2. VOTER TURNOUT BY REGION IS AS FOLLOWS: SAIGON, 66.5 PERCENT; GIA DINH, 73 PERCENT; I CORPS, 87.2 PERCENT; II CORPS, 86.9 PERCENT; III CORPS (EXCLUSIVE OF SAIGON/GIA DINH) 83 PERCENT; AND IV CORPS, 83.1 PERCENT.

3. FOLLOWING IS FINAL LIST OF WINNERS WITH NUMBER OF VOTES AND PERCENTAGES THAT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT GVN CEREMONY AND PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1700 HOURS LOCAL TODAY. FINAL VOTE TOTALS MAY CHANGE SLIGHTLY. CAPSULE BIOGRAPHIES FOLLOW NAMES OF WINNING CANDIDATES.

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4. SAIGON (REF A-134, SEPTEMBER 4, 1966):

A. SAIGON 1 (DISTRICTS 1,2 AND 3), 5 SEATS: 783,853 VOTERS OR 65.9 PERCENT.

FIRST: LIST 4, WITH 56,635 VOTES OR 30.8 PERCENT, SUFFICIENT FOR TWO SEATS; WINNERS ARE:

PHAN KHAC SUU, BORN 1905 IN CAN THO, LIVES IN SAIGON, CAO DAI, NOTABLE; CHIEF OF STATE FROM NOVEMBER 1964 TO JUNE 1965; AN OLD-SCHOOL POLITICIAN OF SOUTHERN ORIENTATION; AND TRAN VAN VAN, BORN 1908 IN LONG XUYEN, LIVES IN SAIGON, BUDDHIST, INDUSTRIALIST, CHAIRMAN OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY COUNCIL, ANOTHER OLD-SCHOOL POLITICAN, ARCH-TYPE SOUTHERNER.

SECOND: LIST 6, WITH 29,004 VOTES OR 15.8 PERCENT; WINNER IS DANG VAN SUNG, BORN IN NGHE AN, NORTH CENTRAL VIET-NAM IN 1915; MEDICAL DOCTOR BY TRAINING, NEVER PRACTICED, NOMINAL BUDDHIST. SUNG IS CURRENTLY EDITOR-PUBLISHER OF CHINH LUAN, MOST INFLUENTIAL VERNACULAR DAILY IN SAIGON. LONG THE EMINENCE GRISE OF THE MANDARIN DAI VIETS, HE WAS ADVISER TO PRIMIN PHAM HUY QUAT, BROKE WITH QUAT AFTER CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS OF MID-1965 WHICH BROUGHT DOWN THE QUAT GOVT.

THIRD: LIST 2, WITH 20,471 VOTES OR (11.1 PERCENT; WINNER IS PHAM NGOC HOP, BORN 1921 IN NAM DINH, NORTH VIETNAM; NOW A MERCHANT IN SAIGON AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL. HE IS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE VIETNAMESE SOCIALIST PARTY.

FOURTH: LIST 1, WITH 17,871 VOTES OR 9.7 PERCENT; WINNER IS GIAP VAN THAP, BORN 1909 IN BAC GIANG, NORTH VIETNAM, NOW RUNS A DRIVING SCHOOL IN SAIGON. A BUDDHIST AND REPORTEDLY A RELATIVE OF PRIME MINISTER KY, THAP HAS USED HIS POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE SAIGON CITY COUNCIL TO LAUNCH NOISY ATTACKS ON CIVIL SERVANTS, PERSONAL AND G POLITICAL ENEMIES, AND OCCASIONALLY THE AMERICANS.

B. SAIGON 2 (DISTRICT 4, 6, 7 AND 8); SIX SEATS; 189,944 VOTERS OR 70.3 PERCENT.

FIRST: LIST 1, WITH 65,035 VOTES OR 34.2 PERCENT, SUFFICIENT FOR TWO SEATS; WINNERS ARE:

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LA THANH NGHE, BORN 1920 IN CAN THO OF CHINESE FATHER AND VIETNAMESE MOTHER, NOW RUNS A PHARMACEUTICAL ENTERPRISE IN SAIGON AND HAS TWICE BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL; HE IS A BUDDHIST AND PROMINENT SOUTHERNER; REGARDED AS INTELLIGENT AND CAPABLE; TRIEU SEN HOACH, BORN 1922 IN BA XUYEN OF CHINESE PARENTS, RUNS A SMALL IMPORTING FIRM IN SAIGON AND IS A MEMBER OF THE SWATOW CHINESE CONGREGATION. HE IS ALSO A SAIGON CITY COUNCILMAN. SECOND: LIST 3, WITH 42,094 OR 22.2 PERCENT; WINNER IS VAN CONG DINH, BORN 1906 IN LONG AN; A SOUTHERN NOTABLE AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WHO HEADED THE OTHER LIST ASSOCIATED WITH LA THANH NGHE.

THIRD: LIST 4, WITH 27,973 VOTES OR 14.7 PERCENT;

WINNER IS LY QUI CHUNG, ALIAS, NGUYEN LY, BORN IN 1940 IN MY THO AND IS NOW A REPORTER WHO LIVES IN GIA DINH AND WRITES FOR YOUTH PUBLICATIONS. HE WON WITH THE SUPPORT OF YOUTH MINISTER TRIEU AND OTHER SOUTHERN CATHOLICS.

FOURTH: LIST 2, WITH 23,065 VOTES OR 12.1 PERCENT; WINNER IS TRINH QUANG VINH, BORN 1934 IN HA NOI AND NOW A DOCTOR IN GIA DINH; WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL STUDENT UNION WHICH OPPOSED GENERAL KHANH IN 1964.

FIFTH: LIST 5, WITH 19,629 VOTES OR 10.3 PERCENT; WINNER IS NGUYEN VAN SAM, BORN 1940 IN CHO LON, NOW A TEACHER WHO LIVES IN GIA DINH.

C. SAIGON 3 (DISTRICT 5: CHOLON); 5 SEATS; 143,413 VOTERS OR 63.03 PERCENT.

FIRST: LIST 1, WITH 39,572 VOTES OR 27.6 PERCENT, SUFFICIENT TO WIN TWO SEATS: WINNERS ARE DIEP VAN HUNG, BORN 1932 IN HAI PHONG OF CHINESE PARENTS FROM HAINAN, RUNS MEDIUM-SIZED IMPORT-EXPORT HOUSE IN CHOLON, HEADS ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF SAIGON CITY COUNCIL; AND TANG CUU, BORN 1934 IN CHOLON OF CHINESE PARENTS

AND NOW A MERCHANT IN SAIGON.

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SECOND: LIST 3, WITH 18,571 VOTES OR 12.9 PERCENT; WINNER IS TRAN THE MINH, BORN 1917, THAI BINH, NVN, MERCHANT IN CHOLON.

THIRD: LIST 9, WITH 16,447 VOTES OR 11.5 PERCENT: WINNER IS DINH THANH CHAU, BORN 1937, BUI CHU, NVN, SAIGON LAWYER.

FOURTH: LIST 11, WITH 9,772 VOTES OR 6.8 PERCENT; WINNER IS NGUYEN VAN DINH, BORN 1928, NAM DINH, NVN, TEACHER IN SAIGON.

5. GIA DINH (REF A-134, SEPTEMBER 4, 1966):

A. GIA DINH 1 (HOC MON, TAN BINH AND BINH CHANH DISTRICTS): FIVE SEATS; 197,808 VOTERS OR 72.76 PERCENT.

FIRST: LIST 4, WITH 33,705 VOTES OR 17 PERCENT; WINNER IS ARVN MAJOR NGUYEN QUI AN, 46, NORTHERN CATHOLIC, STATIONED IN SAIGON.

SECOND: LIST 1, WITH 30,743 VOTES OR 15.5 PERCENT; WINNER IS NGUYEN HUU THONG, 32, NORTHERN, REPORTEDLY BUDDHIST, LAWYER, INTERMITTENTLY ACTIVE IN VIETNAMESE SOCIALIST PARTY SINCE MID-1950'S. LODGE

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THIRD: LIST 5, WITH 26,761 VOTES OR 13.5 PERCENT; WINNER IS HUYNH THANH DUC, 30 INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER IN SAIGON.

FOURTH: LIST 6, WITH 24,589 VOTES OR 12.4 PERCENT; WINNER IS TRUONG VAN THONG, 37 NORTHERNER, CIVIL SERVANT IN GIA DINH.

FIFTH: LIST 2, WITH 22,177 VOTES OR 11.2 PERCENT; WINNER IS DINH XUAN QUANG, 54 CENTRAL CATHOLIC FROM QUANG BINH (NOW NVN), FORMER SUPPORTER OF BAO DAI; MEMBER OF PEOPLE'S-ARMY COUNCIL AND ASSOCIATED IN CAMPAIGN WITH DR. PHAN QUANG DAN.

B. GIA DINH 2 (GO VAP, NHA BE, THU DUC, QUANG XUYEN AND CAN GIO DISTRICTS); FIVE SEATS; 190,614 VOTERS OR 73.71 PERCENT.

FIRST: LIST 1, WITH 60,962 VOTES OR 32 PERCENT, SUFFICIENT FOR TWO SEATS; WINNERS ARE PHAN QUANG DAN, 47, NOMINAL BUDDHIST FROM VINH, CVN, PHYSICIAN; SUPPORTER OF BAO DAI, LATER A DAI VIET; ACTIVE DEMOCRATIC OPPONENT OF DIEM REGIME; HAS DOMINATED GIA DINH POLITICS AND ITS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL; AND NGUYEN VAN THAN, 44 NORTHERN CATHOLIC, MERCHANT, MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

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SECOND: LIST 2, WITH 29,844 VOTES OR 15.7 PERCENT;
WINNER IS ARVN CAPTAIN NGUYEN VAN PHAT, 44, SOUTHERNER;
THIRD: LIST 7, WITH 23,302 VOTES OR 12.2 PERCENT;
WINNER IS VU BAN, 35, NORTHERNER, PHYSICIAN, DEMOBILIZED
1965 AFTER SERVICE WITH ARVN.

FOURTH: LIST 6, WITH 21,288 VOTES OR 11.2 PERCENT;
WINNER IS MRS. TRAN THI XA, 47, NORTHERN CATHOLIC,
TEACHER, MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

6. I CORPS (REF A-126 AUGUST 30, 1966):

HUE: 41,201 VOTERS OR 85.9 PERCENT OF REGISTERED; 11 PERCENT OF
BALLOTS INVALID; WINNER: VO HUU THU, 36, BUDDHIST, FORMER
PROVINCE CHIEF AND NOW AN ARTIST, REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIET
SYMPATHIZER, 18,602 VOTES OR 45.1 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF
VOTERS.

DANANG: 80,382 VOTERS OR 81.2 PERCENT OF REGISTERED; 9.6 PERCENT
OF BALLOTS INVALID; FIRST: LIST II, WITH 19,339 VOTES
OR 24.1 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS, WINNER IS DO AI, 31,
CATHOLIC, TEACHER, VNQDD (KY DANG BO); SECOND: LIST 4,
WITH 17,398 VOTES OF 21.6 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS;
WINNER IS BUI VAN GIAI, 49, CATHOLIC, TEACHER,
REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIET PARTY.

QUANG NAM: 112,945 VOTERS OR 89.3 PERCENT REGISTERED: - PERCENT OF
BALLOTS INVALID; FIRST: LIST 4, WITH 35,223 VOTES OR 31.2 PERCENT
OF NUMBER OF VOTERS; WINNER IS LE NGUYEN LONG, 42, BUDDHIST,
CIVIL SERVANT, VNQDD MEMBER AFFILIATED WITH TRAN HOANG
FACTION OF PARTY.

SECOND: LIST 5, WITH 23,173 VOTES OR 20.5 PERCENT OF NUMBER
OF VOTERS; WINNER IS KHUC THU VAN, ALIAS BAT KHUAT,
CONFUCIANIST, FARMER AND BUSINESSMAN, PROVINCIAL
COUNCILOR, VNQDD (XY DANG BO);

QUANG NGAI: 141,237 VOTERS OR 84 PERCENT OF REGISTERED; 1.9
PERCENT OF BALLOTS INVALID;

FIRST: LIST 3, WITH 49,166 VOTERS OR 34.8 PERCENT OF NUMBER
OF VOTERS AND 35.5 PERCENT OF VALID BALLOTS; WINNER IS TRAN
HOANG, 45, BUDDHIST, TEACHER, LEADER OF "OLD" VNQDD
FACTION IN PROVINCE THAT BEARS HIS NAME;

SECOND: LIST 2, WITH 22,250 VOTES OR 15.8 PERCENT OF NUMBER
OF VOTERS AND 16.1 PERCENT OF VALID BALLOTS, WINNER IS VO BAO,
46, BUDDHIST, HEADMASTER OF SCHOLL, VNQDD (KY DANG BO);

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THIRD: LIST 6, WITH 18,050 VOTES OR 12.8 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS AND 13 PERCENT OF VALID BALLOTS; WINNER IS ARVN MAJOR NGUYEN VAN CHUYEN, CATHOLIC.

FOURTH: LIST 1, WITH 17,854 VOTES OR 12.6 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS AND 12.9 PERCENT OF VALID BALLOTS, WINNER IS TRAN VAN PHIEN, 40, BUDDHIST, CIVIL SERVANT, PROBABLY AFFILIATED WITH TAN DAI VIET PARTY:

MONTAGNARD SEAT: DINH VAN ROI, 35, FARMER, MEMBER OF HRE RPT HRE TRIBE KQ RECEIVED 59 VOTES OF 107 CAST BY ELECTORS.

QUANG TIN: 83,390 VOTERS OR 92.1 PERCENT OF REGISTERED; FIRST: LIST 1, "OFFICIAL" VNQDD LIST (KY DANG BO), WITH 44,151 VOTES OR 52.9 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS, SUFFICIENT FOR TWO SEATS; WINNERS ARE PHAN NHU TOAN, 41, BUDDHIST, CIVIL SERVANT, AND VO NGOC TRAC, 52, NO KNOWN RELIGION, FARMER.

SECOND: LIST 3, WITH 15,930 VOTES OR 19.1 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS; WINNER IS ARVN CAPT TON THAT UAN, ENGINEER CORPS, RELIGION UNKNOWN.

QUANG TRI: 92,680 VOTERS OR 89.7 PERCENT OF REGISTERED; LESS THAN 2 PERCENT OF BALLOTS INVALID;

FIRST: LIST 1, WITH 48,252 VOTES OR 52.1 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS; WINNER IS HOANG XUAN TUU, 38, CATHOLIC, TEACHER, FORMER PROVINCE CHIEF; REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIET;

SECOND: LIST 2, WITH 43,222 VOTES OR 46.6 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS; WINNER IS NGUYEN THANH VINH, 38, CONFUCIANIST, TEACHER, ASSOCIATED WITH VNQDD FACTION HEADED BY LE NGOC CHAN AND WITH VNQDD YOUNG PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY FORCE;

THUA THIEN: 165,457 VOTERS, OR 88.1 PERCENT OF REGISTERED; 3.4 PERCENT OF BALLOTS INVALID;

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FIRST: LIST 3, REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIET PARTY, WITH 89209 GBTES OR 51.5 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS, SUFFICIENT FOR TWO SEATS; WINNERS ARE NGUYEN VAN NGAI, 32, BUDDHIST, PROFESSOR AT VAN HANH UNIVERSITY, AND TRAN DIEN, 54, CATHOLIC TEACHER, BROTHER-IN-LAW OF PARTY LEADER HA THUC KY;

SECOND: LIST 2, "OFFICIAL" VNQDD (KY DANG BO), WITH 58,743 VOTES OR 35.5 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS; WINNER IS TRAN TAN VIET, 30, CONFUCIANIST, LAWYER.

7. II CORPS (REF: A-142, SEPTEMBER 8, 1966):

CAM RANH: 13,823 VOTERS OR 91.5 PERCENT

WINNER IS NAVY LIEUTENANT NGUYEN HUU TO, 36, BUDDHIST, WITH 4866 VOTES OR 35.3 PERCENT.

DALAT: 23,436 VOTERS OR 73.35 PERCENT.

WINNER IS LE THANH CHAU, 27, NORTHERN CATHOLIC, TEACHER, OFFICER OF LOCAL GREATER UNITY FORCES WITH 8774 VOTES OR 37.4 PERCENT.

BINH DINH: 180,441 VOTES (POSSIBLY MORE), OR 90.7 PERCENT; FEWER THAN 2 PERCENT INVALID BALLOTS. LODGE
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FIRST: LIST 3 WITH 54,617 VOTES OR 30.3 PERCENT; WINNER IS LUONG THUONG HAI, 50, BUDDHIST AND VNQDD MEMBER;

SECOND: LIST 4, WITH 47,245 VOTES OR 26.2 PERCENT; WINNER IS PHAN CHAU TUAN, 46, CATHOLIC BUSINESSMAN, MEMBER OF GREATER UNITY FORCES;

THIRD: LIST 2, WITH 43,475 VOTES OR 24.1 PERCENT; WINNER IS ARVN MAJOR NGO VAN NHAM, 33, NOMINAL BUDDHIST, SERVING IN MEDICAL CORPS;

BINH THUAN: 61,835 VOTERS OR 72 PERCENT

FIRST: LIST 2, WITH 18,732 VOTES OR 30.3 PERCENT; WINNER IS NGUYEN HUU DUC, NORTHERN CATHOLIC, CIVIL SERVANT AND GRADUATE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION;

SECOND: LIST 1, WITH 16,699 VOTES OR 27 PERCENT; WINNER IS ARVN CAPTAIN NGUYEN DUY CUNG, 34, BUDDHIST, MEDICAL CORPS.

NORTHERN MONTAGNARD SEAT; VONG A SANG, 64, RETIRED ARVN COLONEL AND NUNG LEADER; RECEIVED 37 VOTES OR 66 CAST BE ELECTORS.

DARLAC: 58,375 VOTERS OR 80 PERCENT.

VIETNAMESE SEAT: WINNER IS NGUYEN HUU XAO, 42, NORTHERNER, ANCESTOR WORSHIP, BUSINESSMAN AND HAMLET CHIEF, WITH 28,372 VOTES OR 48.6 PERCENT.

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MONTAGNARD SEAT: WINNER IS FULRO CANDIDATE Y WICK BUON YA, NO OTHER INFO AVAILABLE; RECEIVED 428 VOTES OF 615 CAST BY ELECTORS.

KONTUM; 37,712 VOTERS OR 82.7 PERCENT

VIETNAMESE SEAT: WINNER IS ARVN CAPTAIN LE HUU LAM, NORTHERNER, NON-PRACTICING CATHOLIC, MEDICAL CORPS, WITH 13,004 VOTES OR 34.5 PERCENT

MONTAGNARD SEAT: WINNER IS ARVN LIEUTENANT PEANG, ALIAS NGUYEN VAN PHIEN, 42, CHIEF OF PROVINCIAL MONTAGNARD SERVICE; RECEIVED 277 VOTES OF 726 CAST BY ELECTORS.

KHANH HOA: 137,972 VOTERS OR 84.4 PERCENT, 5 PERCENT OF BALLOTS INVALID.

FIRST: LIST 1, WITH 68,061 VOTES OR 49.3 PERCENT; ONLY TWO LISTS, SO WINNER AUTOMATICALLY GOT TWO OF THREE SEATS; WINNERS ARE HOANG NGOC CAN, 32, CENTRAL BUDDHIST, PROFESSOR OF OCEANOGRAPHY, AND VU DINH LONG, 30, NORTHERN BUDDHIST, PROFESSOR OF SCIENCE, BOTH RESIDENT IN SAIGON;

SECOND: LIST 2, WITH 62,942 VOTES OR 45.6 PERCENT; WINNER IS ARVN CAPTAIN PHAM KE TOAI, 32 NORTHERN CATHOLIC, MEDICAL CORPS;

LAM DONG: 17,757 VOTERS OR 80.6 PERCENT

UNOPPOSED WINNER IS NGUYEN HUU TRI, 51, NORTHERN CATHOLIC, TEA PLANTER, CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, WITH 16,311 VOTES OR 91.9 PERCENT.

NINH THUAN: 58,628 VOTERS OR 94.36 PERCENT;

VIETNAMESE SEAT: WINNER IS VAN KINH, 61, CONFUCIANIST, RETIRED CIVIL SERVANT, CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, WITH 24,936 VOTES OR 42.5 PERCENT.

CHAM SEAT (ELECTED JOINTLY WITH BINH THUAN PROVINCE):

WINNER IS THANH GIAC, NO OTHER INFO AVAILABLE, RESIDENT OF BINH THUAN, RECEIVED 106 VOTES OF 189 CAST BY ELECTORS.

PHU BON: 18,370 VOTERS OR 97.1 PERCENT.
VIETNAMESE SEAT: UNOPPOSED WINNER IS NGUYEN HUU CHUNG, 27, SOUTHERN BUDDHIST, CHIEF OF PROVINCIAL FORESTRY SERVICE, WITH 18,056 VOTES OR 98.3 PERCENT.

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MONTAGNARD SEAT: WINNER IS FULRO CANDIDATE KAOR ROT, 29, TRIBE UNKNOWN, RECEIVED 172 VOTES OF 335 CAST BY ELECTORS.

PHU YEN: 80,559 VOTES OR 94.3 PERCENT.

FIRST: LIST 3, WITH 34,862 VITES OR 43.3 PERCENT; WINNER IS VO THUONG KINH, 43, CAO DAI, FARMER AND LANDOWNER;

SECOND: LIST 1, WITH 21,342 VOTES OR 23.6 PERCENT; WINNER IS LY VAN HIEP, 37, NORTHERN BUDDHIST, LAWYER.

PLEIKU: 49,951 VOTERS OR 88.53 PERCENT

VIETNAMESE SEAT: WINNER IS ARVN CAPTAIN NGO THANH TUNG, 30, SOUTHERNER, CONSIDERED CHOICE OF CORPS COMMANDER MAJ. GEN. VINH LOC, WITH 35,062 VOTES OR 70.2 PERCENT.

MONTAGNARD SEAT: WINNER IS NAY BLIN, 38, JARAI TRIBE, CIVIL SERVANT, RECEIVED 337 VOTES OR 359 CAST BY ELECTORS.

QUANG DUC; 13,796 VOTERS OR 82.8 PERCENT

WINNER IS NGUYEN TINH THUAT, 40, NORTHERN CATHOLIC, CIVIL SERVANT, WITH 9670 VOTES OR 70.1 PERCENT.

TUYEN DUC: 33,204 VOTERS OR 84.1 PERCENT

VIETNAMESE SEAT: WINNER IS NGUYEN HUU HIEP, 25, CATHOLIC, TEACHER, WITH 14,335 VOTES OR 43.2 PERCENT.

MONTAGNARD SEAT: WINNER IS PANG TING K'TE, MALE NURSE, NO OTHER INFO AVAILABLE; RECEIVED 202 VOTES OF 395 CAST BY ELECTORS;

NORTHERN MONTAGNARD SEAT: WINNER IS ARVN COLONEL DAN VAN QUY, 39, THAI OR THO TRIBE, FORMER PROVINCE CHIEF, RECEIVED 26 VOTES OR 70 CAST BY ELECTORS.

8. III CORPS

VUNG TAU/CON SON: 31,493 VOTERS OR 84.7 PERCENT.

WINNER IS NUYNH VAN YEN, 60, BUDDHIST, OWNER OF CHARCOAL FACTORY, SECRETARY OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, WITH 8,766 VOTES OR 27.8 PERCENT.

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BIEN HOA: 135,817 VOTERS OR 83.8 PERCENT. (INCOMPLETE RETURNS)

FIRST: LIST 4, WITH 31,423 VOTES OR 23.1 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS; WINNER IS DO HUU QUON, 56, RETIRED CIVIL SERVANT, SECRETARY OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, WHO HAD SUPPORT OF MODERATE BUDDHISTS; LODGE
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SECOND: LIST 2, WITH 27,527 VOTES OR 20.3 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS; WINNER IS TRUONG TIEN DAT, 32, NORTHERN CATHOLIC, PROVINCIAL JUDGE, LINKED TO CATHOLIC CITIZEN'S BLOC;

THIRD: LIST 1, WITH 22,307 VOTES OR 16.4 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS; WINNER IS VU MINH CHAU, 53, NORTHERN CATHOLIC, TEXTILE-MILL OWNER, SPONSORED BY CATHOLIC GREATER UNITY FORCES OF WHICH HE IS PROVINCIAL CHAIRMAN.

BINH DUONG: 71,152 VOTERS OR 80 PERCENT.

FIRST: LIST 1, WITH 17,243 VOTES OR 29.2 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS; WINNER IS PHAM DINH HUNG, 31,

CONFUCIANIST, SAIGON JUDGE, PROTEGE OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE TRAN MIN TIET;
SECOND: LIST 5, WITH 13,080 VOTES OR 18.4 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF VOTERS; WINNER IS NGUYEN DIN QUAT, 49, CATHOLIC, WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN AND PLANTATION OWNER, CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT AGAINST NGO DINH DIEM.

BINH LONG: 22,24 VOTERS OR 84 PECENT.
WINNER IS ARVN MAJOR LY TRONG LE, 32, CATHOLIC, WITH 7,862 VOTES OR 35.3 PERCENT.

BINH TUY: 21,755 VOTERZ OR 89.2 PERCENT.
WINNER IS NGUYEN VAN HUNG, NO RELIGION, CHIEF OF

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CABINET IN PROVINCIAL OFFICE, WITH 12,071 VOTES OR 55.5 PERCENT.

HAU NGHIA: 40,943 VOTERS OR 79.1 PERCENT.
WINNER IS NGUYEN VAN TIEN, 32, BUDDHIST, CIVIL SERVANT, WITH 13,561 VOTES OR 35.6 PERCENT.

LONG KHANH: 43,677 VOTES OR 87.1 PERCENT.
WINNER IS NGUYEN MINH DANG, 28, NORTHERN CATHOLIC, TEACHER, SPONSORED BY CATHOLIC GREATER UNITY FORCES, WITH 20,596 VOTES OR 47.2 PERCENT.

LONG AN: 42,855 VOTES OR 69.7 PERCENT.
WINNER IS LE TAI HOA, 46, :9,!7:8-,85, LANDOWNER AND BUSINESSMAN, FORMER CHAIRMAN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AND FIRST DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL PEOPLE'S-ARMY CONGRESS, WITH 11,349 OTES OR 26.5 PERCENT.

PHUOC LONG: 17,106 VOTERS OR 92.3 PERCENT.
WINNER IS NGUYEN BA LUONG, 64, BUDDHIST, RETIRED CIVIL SERVANT AND MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, WITH 7,704 VOTES OR 45 PERCENT.

PHUOC TUY: 36,702 VOTERS OR 89.4 PERCENT.
WINNER IS NGUYEN HUU HIEU, 27, NORTHERN BUDDHIST, LAWYER, BROTHER OF MINISTER OF LABOR AND CLOSE TO MODERATE WING OF UNIFIED BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION, WITH 12,198 VOTES OR 33.2 PERCENT.

TAY NINH: 94,446 VOTERS OR 85.3 PERCENT.
FIRST: LIST 3, OFICIAL AO DAI LIST, WITH 60,048 VOTES OR 63.6 PERCENT; WINNER IS NGUYEN HUU LUONG, 42, HIGH-RANKING CAO DAI LAYMAN, PRINCIPAL OF PRIVATE SCHOOL, MEMBER OF PEOPLE'S-ARMY COUNCIL;
SECOND: LIST 1, WITH 20,020 VOTES OR 21.2 PERCENT;

WINNER IS ARVN MAJOR NGUYEN CAO KIEN, 47; THIS LIST CONSIDERED TO BE "GVN LIST".

9. IV CORPS:

AN GIANG: 188,710 VOTERS OF 83.4 PERCENT.
FIRST: LIST 1, BACKED BY HOA HAO CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WITH 102,417 VOTES OR 64.5 PERCENT; SUFFICIENT FOR TWO SEATS;

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WINNERS AR ARVN LT. COL. LE QUANG LIEM, 46, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF IV CORPS, AND LE PHUOC SANG, 34, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRIME MINISTER KY WITH RANK OF SECRETARY OF STATE

SECOND: [illegible] 4, BACKED BY "THREE-STAR" HOA HAO FACTION RUNNING [illegible] "MOVEMENT FOR RENAISSANCE OF SOUTH" LABEL WITH 28,944 VOTES OR 15.3 PERCENT; WINNER IS NGUYEN VAN HOANH, 53, BUSINESSMAN.
THIRD: LIST 2, WITH 26,350 VOTES OR 14 PERCENT; WINNER IS NGUYEN VAN HOAN, 55, CATHOLIC, BUSINESSMAN.
AN XUYEN: 34,263 VOTERS, 94 84.6 PERCENT.
WINNER IS TRUONG MINH CHIEU, 33, RETIRED CAO DAI MAJOR, WITH 22,756 VOTES OR 66.42 PERCENT.

BA XUEYEN: 92,761 OR 85.6 PERCENT.

VIETNAMESE SEAT: WINNER IS ARVN CAPTAIN NGUYEN DAT DAN, 31, CATHOLIC, REGIONAL/POPULAR FORCE COMMANDER, MAY BE CHALLENGED BY LOSERS; RECEIVED 29,743 VOTES OR 32.06 PERCENT.

CAMBODIAN SEAT: WINNER IS SON THI, 44, SCHOOL INSPECTOR, WITH 33,086 VOTES OR 35.67 PERCENT.

BAC LIEU: 54,378 VOTES OR 75.1 PERCENT.
WINNER IS ARVN LT. COL. NGUYEN VAN BE, 36, IV CORPS STAFF OFFICER FOR PACIFICATION, WITH 15,098 VOTES OR 27.76 PERCENT.

CHAU DOC: PXVFQ,548 VOTERS, OR 84.9 PERCENT.
TWO VIETNAMESE SEATS; VOTE TOTALS NOT AVAILABLE.
FIRST: LIST 4, BACKED BY PROVINCIAL HOA HAO BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION; WINNER IS HO VAN LANG, 58, FARMER, CHAIRMAN OF ASSOCIATION.

SECOND: LIST 5, BACKED BY HOA HAO CENTRAL COMMITTEEE; WINNER IS HUYNH VAN LAO, 44, BUSINESSMAN AND CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

CAMBODIAN SEAT: WINNER IS THACH SUNG, 39, THERAVADA BUDDHIST, CIVL SERVANT.

CHUONG THIEN: 34,548 VOTERS, OR 74.1 PERCENT.
WINNER IS DANG VAN CONG, '#6, HOA HAO LEADER ASSOCIATED

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WITH FOUNDER OF SECT, PRODUCE TRADER, WITH 20,818 VOTES OR 60.3 PERCENT.

DINH TUONG: 75,775 VOTERS OR 70.5 PERCENT.

FIRST: LIST 1, WITH 27,801 VOTES OR 36.7 PERCENT; WINNER IS ARVN CAPTAIN LE THIEN DIEN, NORTHERN CATHOLIC, MEDICAL CORPS.

SECOND: LIST 3, WITH 25,443 VOTES OR 33.6 PERCENT; WINNER IS TRIEU VAN TUC, 55, BUDDHIST, PROVINCE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF VN CONFEDERATION OF LABOR, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

GO CONG: 20,619 VOTERS, OR 89.1 PERCENT, WINNERS IS BANH NGOC QUY, 29, HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER, MEMBER OF MOVEMENT OF RENAISSSANCE OF SOUTH, WITH 12,722 VOTES OR 61:7 PERCENT.

KIEN GIANG: 100,877 VOTERS OR 82.6 PERCENT. VIETNAMESE SEAT: WINNER IS LY THANH LE, 28, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL, WITH 26,798 VOTES OR 26.7 PERCENT. LODGE
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CAMBODIAN SEAT: WINNER IS DANH THU, 30, REGIONAL FORCE PRIVATE, FORMERLY THERAVADA MONK AND CLOSE TO KHMER RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN PROVINCE, WITH 26,334 VOTES OR 26.2 PERCENT.
KIEN HOA: 95,117 VOTERS OR 82.5 PERCENT.
FIRST: LIST 7, WITH 18,759 VOTES OR 197.7 PERCENT. WINNER IS LE QUANG HAO, 54, CONFUCIANIST, BUSINESSMAN AND CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

SECOND: LIST 6, WITH 15,350 VOTES OR 16.1 PERCENT. WINNER IS NGUYEN QUI NINH, 59. CATHOLIC, RETIRED CIVIL SERVANT AND MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

KIEN PHONG: 90,117 VOTERS OR 93.3 PERCENT.
FIRST: LIST 1, WITH 51,351 VOTES OR 57.0 PERCENT. WINNER IS NGUYEN VAN THO, 54, CANTON CHIEF AND HOA HAO POLITICIAN.

SECOND: LIST 2, WITH 37,992 VOTES OR 42.2 PERCENT. WINNER IS BUI VAN KIEU, 49, BUDDHIS, FARMER, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

KIEN TUONG: 13,599 VOTERS OR 86.9 PERCENT. WINNER IS MAI DUC THIEF, 47, CIVIL SERVANT, WITH 3,236 VOTES OR 23.8 PECENT.

PHONG DINH: 92,312 VOTERS, OR 77.4 PERCENT.

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FIRST: LIST 6, HOA HAO-CAO DAI COLOITION, WITH 22,191 VOTES OR 24.0 PERCENT. WINNER IS NGUYEN VAN GIAC, 52, HOA HAO, TEACHER.

SECOND: LIST 4, WITH 19,948 VOTES OR 21.6 PERCENT. WINNER IS NGUYEN VAN HOI, 55, CATHOLIC ECONOMIC INSPECTOR OF IV CORPS.

VINH BINH: 92,942 VOTERS OR 85 PERCENT.
VIETNAMESE SEAT: WINNERS I NGUYEN VANLOC, 57, FORMER CANTON CHIEF, CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, WITH 34,229 VOTES OR 36.4 PERCENT.

CAMBODIAN SEAT: WINNERS IS TIEU HY SANG, 31, THERVADA BUDDHIS, TEACHER, WITH 28,115 VOTES OR 30.3 PERCENT.

VINH LONG: 161,802 VOTERS R 81.1 PERCENT.

(TWO LISTS; EACH GO TWO SEATS.)

FIRST: LIST 1, HOA HAO, WITH 87,312 VOTS OR 53.9 PERCENT; WINNERS ARE NGUYEN LONG GIAO, 36, FARMER, AND NGUYEN VAN VI, 49, BUSINESSMAN AND MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

SECOND; LIST 2, BACKED BY "MOVEMENT FOR RENSISSANCE OF SOUTH". WITH 73,782 VOTES OR 45.6 PERCENT. WINNERS ARE LAM HI DIEU, 32, BUDDHIS, TEACHER AND NGUYEN VAN SANG, 29, CATHOLIC, TEACHER.

13. COMMENT: A PRELIMINARY AND INCOMPLETE STATISTICAL BREADKOWN OF THE 117 WINNERS REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: REGINATBACKGROUND: 27 NORTHERN, 28 CENTRISTS, 44 SOUTHERNERS (REST ARE EITHER CHINESE, MONTAGNARD OR KHMER ORIGIN); RELIGION: 34 BUDDHIST, 30 CATHOLICS, 5 CAO DAI, 7 CONFUCINAISTS, 10 HOA HAO, (REST ARE UNKNOWN); PROFESSIONS: 22 BUSINESSMEN, 23 EDUCATORS, 18 MILITARY, 18 CIVIL SERVANTS, 8 LAWYERS, 5 DOCTORS, 7 FARMERS, 5 NOTABLES, 6 RETIRED (REST ARE UNKNOWN); AGE: 15OVER 55 YEARS OF AGE; 29 BETWEEN 45 AND 54; 32 BETWEEN 35 AND 44; 36 BETWEEN 25 AND 34; 5 UNKNOWN. LODGE

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1. FINAL GVN ELECTION REPORT GIVEN AT DIEN HONG HALL 1700 SEPTEMBER 12 IN CEREMONY PRESIDED OVER BY CHIEF OF STATE THIEU AND PRIME MINISTER KY AND ATTENDED BY PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

2. RD MINISTER THANG SPOKE FIRST REVIEWING GVN EFFORTS TO ASSURE SUCCESS OF ELECTION, THEN GAVE BRIEF RUN DOWN OF RESULTS GVN/VC CASUALTIES. HE ANNOUNCED TOTAL VOTE OF 4,274,812 OR 80.8 PERCENT REGISTERED VOTERS.

3. CENTRAL ELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN VU THIEN TUAN REVIEWED ELECTION COMPLAINT PROCEDURE WHICH PROVIDE FOR ADJUDICATION OF COMPLAINTS WITHIN 10 DAYS. PRIME MINISTER KY THEN MADE FIVE MINUTE SPEECH HAILING ELECTION AS VICTORY FOR VIETNAMESE ARMY AND PEOPLE, AND VICTORY OF ENTIRE PEOPLE AGAINST UPROOTED MINORITY. HE CHARACTERIZED VC ATTEMPTS TO SABOTAGE ELECTION AS MOMENTOUS FAILURE PARTICULARLY SINCE THEY TRIED SO HARD. KY CONCLUDED THAT CONDITIONS NOW EXIST FOR FINAL VICTORY.

4. CHIEF OF STATE THIEU MADE BRIEF CLOSING REMARKS CONGRATULATING ENTIRE POPULATION AS WELL AS WINNERS FOR ENCOURAGING ELECTION RESULTS WHICH SHOW THAT "VC CANNOT OVERCOME OUR DETERMINATION". THIEU SUGGESTED THAT FREE WORLD CONFIDENCE IN VIET-NAM HAS BEEN ENHANCED BY ELECTION AND "HANOI WILL HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS AND SHOULD ADOPT A WISER ATTITUDE". THIEU ADDED THAT LARGE ELECTION TURNOUT NOT SURPRISING SINCE VN PEOPLE HAVE FOUGHT FOR DEMOCRACY MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS. HE CONCLUDED BY URGING THAT NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DRAFT CONSTITUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND EXPRESSED ASSURANCE THAT DOCUMENT WOULD REFLECT ASPIRATIONS OF PEOPLE.

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SUBJECT : Colonel Dam Quang Yeu, Danang Struggle Leader, Meets the Press

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The English-language evening edition of the Viet-Nam Press September 7, 1966 reported a "meeting with the press" of Colonel Dam Quang Yeu, former commander of the Quang Nam Special Sector who has been "detained" since May 25 in Saigon for participation in the DaNang struggle movement. The press conference was reportedly arranged by Colonel Loan, Director-General of the National Police. The story made page one of at least one Saigon vernacular newspaper. Yeu was described as "smiling and looking healthy."

Yeu said that the Buddhist anti-election campaign "lacks cohesion which testifies to the prevailing internal division (among the Church's leaders) and added that he sincerely deplored this state of thing." He stated that he favors the Constituent Assembly elections "because the nation needs an elected Assembly as its first democratic institution."

Yeu criticized Buddhist leaders who have never visited or "given comfort" to those struggle leaders now in jail. He expressed the hope that a "peaceful and conciliatory solution" would come about as the result of goodwill, mutual concessions, and the abandonment of personal grievances for the sake of national salvation. "I do not know what the Ven. Tri Quang wants. To come to terms with a man of such a stubborn stand, one should let him know all the information that he wants to know."

As for his detention at Military Security headquarters, Yeu said that he is allowed to receive visits once weekly. According to Viet-Nam Press, he hopes to be permitted to return to the military and that, "as a pure militaryman, he would not indulge in politics once released."

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He claimed that he had been opposed to anti-American demonstrations during the Central Viet-Nam struggle movement and he called the presence of the US "a necessity to win over Communism."

Comment: Despite Yeu's attempt to make his remarks seem ingenuous, the fact is that he joined the struggle during its early stages and was clearly responsible for taking decidedly anti-government actions. There were some reports at the time, however, that suggested Yeu was uncomfortable in the company of some of the more fire-brand strugglers, but his commitment was, by then, too complete to permit him to withdraw.

Although he gets on reasonably well with Americans, Yeu is not rated highly either as a military officer or for his strength of character. Undoubtedly, he joined the struggle movement because he believed it to be the winning side and he saw an opportunity for advancement when the incumbent GVN leaders fell. He has at times been reported to have been under the influence of various VNQDD leaders but he was certainly not a true-blooded member.

Yeu's statement rounds out the foursome of Yeu, Bui Tuong Huan, Le Tuyen, and Dr. Nguyen Van Man (ex-mayor of Danang), each of the others having already made roughly comparable statements in attempting to excuse their own performances by shifting the blame elsewhere, i.e., Tri Quang. Whether or not these public apologies lead to early rehabilitation of the detainees remains to be seen.

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